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Copies of the following references not previously supplied are enclosed:

Wang et al., Immunohistochemical Study and Lectin Distribution of Thyroid Carcinoma from Follicular Epithelium, Chung-hua Ping Li Hsueh Tsa-Chih 19(2):90-3 1990, and accompanying translation.

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